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DWR Releases Proposition 50
2004 Water Desalination Proposal Solicitation Package
and Sets Public Workshop

SACRAMENTO - The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has released its first Proposition 50 Desalination Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) and announces a public workshop to be held in Sacramento at 901 "P" Street on November 15, 2004, to discuss the PSP and the proposal development, review, selection, and award processes for this program.

This grant program implements Chapter 6(a) of the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act, which authorizes DWR to administer a \$50 million desalination program. The program provides grants for construction projects, research and development, feasibility studies, pilot projects, and demonstration programs. The grant program was designed to assist with the development of local water supplies through brackish water and seawater desalination.

Interested parties need not attend the workshop to submit proposals, which are due at DWR by 3:00 pm January 18, 2005.

Eligible applicants include public entities involved with water management activities including: cities, counties, joint power authorities, public water districts, universities and colleges, tribes, non-profit organizations, watershed management groups, State agencies, other political subdivisions of the State, and federal agencies.

Both the PSP and additional information on the workshop are available by visiting our Web site: <http://www.owue.water.ca.gov/recycle/>

The Department of Water Resources operates and maintains the State Water Project, provides dam safety and flood control and inspection services, assists local water districts in water management and water conservation planning, and plans for future statewide water needs.

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